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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 0404

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT CG
SUBJECT: PERSISTENT ZAIRE COUP RUMOR

1. FOR PAST WEEK (STARTING MAY 27) BUSINESS AND EXPATRIATE CIRCLES IN LUANDA HAVE BEEN BUZZING WITH RUMORS OF ACCOMPLISHED OR EXPECTED COUP D'ETAT IN ZAIRE AGAINST MOBUTU. WE FIRST HEARD RUMOR FROM OIL COMPANY SOURCES (INCLUDING BELGIANS). ONE EXPLANATION OF RUMOR IS THAT IT STEMS FROM FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS IN FRENCH. (NO ONE ABLE TO PINPOINT WHENCE BROADCASTS EMANATING, NOR IN FACT HAS ANYONE WE TALKED TO ACTUALLY HEAD BROADCASTS.)

2. GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES HERE CONFIRM FACT OF RUMORS BUT SEEM AT AS MUCH OF A LOSS AS EVERYONE ELSE TO EXPLAIN THEM.

3. COMMENT: LUANDA HAS ALWAYS BEEN PREY TO RUMORS. IF UNTRUE MOST VANISH QUICKLY. THIS ONE IS PARTICULARLY PERSISTENT.
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